GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2619
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MERGER OF HCL WITH BSNL
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No.2244 dated July 22,2004 regarding Restructure of Hindustan Cable Factory and state:

(a) Whether the Department of Telecommunications has considered the possibility of a merger of Hindustan Cables Limited (HCL) with BSNL and informed the Ministry about their decision; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES(SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) & (b): The matter regarding merger of HCL with BSNL was taken up with Department of Telecommunication. The Department of Telecommunication has expressed its inability to agree to the proposal in view of shrinking demand for the primary product (Polythene Insulated Jelly Filled cable) and emerging new technologies.